

A Charter For Youth Justice

We, the members of the Criminal Justice Board, wish to operate a youth justice system that:

- Prevents and reduces offending by children and young people
- Delivers justice, respects rights and protects the vulnerable
- Inspires confidence
- Makes a positive difference
- Offers value for money

To achieve these aims we will:

- Work collaboratively within the system and with others who have influence in the community
- Engage constructively with those affected by youth crime
- Be responsive to the needs of young people and the concerns of victims and communities
- Deliver timely and proportionate interventions across the system
- Measure our effectiveness and communicate our achievements
- Share information and good practice and be open to new ideas
- Focus on delivering the best outcomes for the resources available
- Provide timely and appropriate support for those working in the system

Our priorities for joint action will be to:

- Align our systems and processes for maximum impact
- Tackle delay across the system
- Work with universal providers to prevent offending and facilitate reintegration
- Develop an effective approach to communication
- Establish arrangements for gathering and sharing relevant information